

I would like to voice my opposition to the promotion of monopolies. If the FCC approves the request by BellSouth to discontinuing the regulation of broadband, then all the phone companies will shortly follow suite to eliminate the independent ISP.

I have found over the years that local ISP's provide better quality at a better price. And because they do not eliminate the same jobs that other ISP's also have, they provide more jobs. Consolidation and monopoly destroys the freedom and the economic "level playing field" that is required for a true market economy. It would be like having only one team left to play in the super bowl because the regulators let the owners combine teams so that only the biggest and richest team was left.

If the federal government and agencies like the FCC continue on their track of allowing the destruction of small business, which is the backbone of innovation and provides real on-the-job training, then we can look forward to stagnate or declining job growth, more loss of competitive edge to the rest of the world, greater state and federal deficits, and a destruction of the middle class. Small business has always been the key to economic success in this country. Allowing the destruction of small business is selling out the "American Dream" for monopoly bucks for the rich few.